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## **Acevedo elected NLPOA President**

Austin Police Chief Art Acevedo has been elected President of the National Latino Peace Officers Association (NLPOA). As NLPOA President, Acevedo now heads the largest Latino law enforcement organization in the United States with membership that includes chiefs of police, sheriffs, police officers, parole agents, and federal officers.

"I'm honored to have been selected to lead a group whose members are committed to improving law enforcement for everyone across our country," said Acevedo. "I look forward to setting new goals while continuing the ongoing mission of honoring family, education and community through service and mentorship."

Acevedo has been an NLPOA member for 18 years and Austin's Chief of Police since July 2007. As NLPOA President, Acevedo will serve a two-year term. He is only the third Texas law enforcement officer to be elected association president in association history.

The NLPOA presidential election took place during the group's annual national training institute on Nov. 1, 2008, in Denver.

Founded in 1972, NLPOA is a non-profit organization that provides its members with training, promotional development and mentoring. Among its goals, the association seeks to eliminate prejudice and discrimination in the criminal justice system; reduce juvenile delinquency; and Lessen citizen tension in predominantly Latino communities.

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